

November 21 & 22, 2009

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

36 Armstrong Road
Rochester, NY 14616

Our Lady of Mercy Church is a warm, welcoming, Catholic faith community that cherishes its past and looks with hope to the future. Inspired by the example of Mary, we strive to make God's Word come alive through our celebration of the Eucharist and through service and generosity to each other and our community.

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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

We close for lunch between 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Stay updated with the latest information by going to the

OLM website at: www.mercygreece.org

We invite all to share your time, your talent and your treasure in support of your Church.

**To provide for your parish's needs, why not consider a bequest of at least 5% of your Estate to your parish?
"Your life will be required of you, and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong? (Luke 12:20)**

Weekend Masses at Our Lady of Mercy

Saturday: 5:30 PM and Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekday Masses at Our Lady of Mercy

Monday and Tuesday: 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses at Holy Name of Jesus

Saturday: 4:00 PM and Sunday: 11:00 AM

Weekday Masses at Holy Name of Jesus

Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00 AM and Friday at 6:30 PM

Welcome all new parishioners

To register as a member of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, please introduce yourself to one of our pastoral staff members and we will contact you to fill out a Parish Census Card.

Sacramental Life

Baptism: Please contact the office at (585) 865-0775 for a pre-Baptism preparation meeting.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sundays 8:00 AM-8:30AM

Marriage: Arrangements are made a minimum of six (6) months prior to the marriage date desired. Contact Fr. Gagnier or Deacon Dick Lombard.

Anointing of the Sick: Available upon request to anyone who needs the healing, comfort and support of this sacrament. Please contact Parish Office.

Our Church and Parish Hall are accessible to the physically challenged.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 21-Presentation of the Virgin Mary
 5:30 Joseph F. Grygrowich by Family

Sunday, November 22-Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
 9:00 Albert Falcipieri by Betty Jean Miller
 11:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

Monday, November 23
 8:00 For all those with cancer

Tuesday, November 24
 8:00 George Willig by wife

Wednesday, November 25
 9:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

Thursday, November 26-Happy Thanksgiving
 9:00 Mass at Our Lady of Mercy
 For the parish family of Our Lady of Mercy Church

Friday, November 27
 6:30 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus

Saturday, November 28
 4:00 Mass at Holy Name of Jesus
 5:30 The living & deceased members of OLM & HNJ

Sunday, November 29
 9:00 Michelina Amato by DeNinnis Family

This Week At O.L.M.

Sunday, November 22
 Breakfast at the Holiday Bazaar
 10:15 AM Rosary

Monday, November 23
 7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 24
 9:30 AM Scripture Reflection
 7:00 PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, November 25
 7:00 PM Choir rehearsal

Thursday, November 26-Happy Thanksgiving
Office is closed

Friday, November 27
Office is closed

Saturday, November 28
Sunday, November 29
 Breakfast after mass
 10:15 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM-8:30 AM Individual Reconciliation



*From all of us to all of you...
 A very blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!*

*Fr. Gagnier, Deacon Dick, Bill, Connie,
 David, John and Marie*

**Our Lady of Mercy Church
 Holiday Bazaar & Mini Garage Sale**

When: Saturday, November 21, 2009 9AM-4PM
 Sunday, November 22 9AM-1PM

Where: 36 Armstrong Road -Parish Hall

What: Holiday & general items for sale.
 1/2 price Hess trucks!

Come join us for coffee and pastries on Saturday and Sunday. And why not plan on joining us for lunch on Saturday. See you there!

OLM-Statistics Report-November 14 & 15

Attendance: 5:30-65 9:00-204 Total-269

Collection Report

Sunday Envelopes:	\$2138.00
Sunday Loose:	\$ 147.00
Average envelope: (106)	\$20.17
Special Christmas Collection	\$ 165.00
Other income:	\$ 781.00
Total	\$3231.00

Accounts Payable

Monroe County Catholic Schools:	\$9000.00
Diocesan Invoices old PSIP bill	\$9000.00
Current PSIP bill	\$9000.00
Operating Expenses	\$ -0-
Year to date income	\$123,619.15
Year to date expenses	\$116,892.37

Thank you for your generosity!

This week we paid: bi-weekly OLM payroll, \$640.43
 RG&E delivery, \$1219.33 Hess for gas

Staff Corner

So far the change of Mass schedule seems to be working fine. Total attendance on the last two weekends was significantly higher than it has been but some of that is due to the annual memorial rite last week. Attendance at the 5:30 Mass is predictably less than attendance at the 9:00 Mass. As a result we will be cutting down on Eucharistic Ministers at the 5:30 Mass beginning in December. This week Connie will send out new schedules which will supersede the present schedules. There will be no change in the scheduling for the 9:00 Mass.

If you are a liturgical minister who hasn't yet notified Connie of your Mass preference, please do so as soon as possible, either by telephone, email or by signing up on the sheet in the narthex. Also, we still need liturgical ministers for the 9:00 Mass on Thanksgiving. A signup sheet is in the narthex. There is a particular shortage of servers, in fact there are no servers available for the 5:30 Mass. We encourage any adults or young people who are interested in serving at either Mass to contact me. This is an important and fulfilling ministry.

Several people have indicated an interest in joining the committee which will be planning the liturgies and other events to celebrate our parish as we wind down toward the closing. The committee will be meeting in the rectory on December 1 at 7:00 pm. If you are interested please contact Jean Berry or me or just show up at the meeting. This will be a user friendly committee, short on meetings and focused on getting the job done. If you wish, you can limit your participation to just one activity or you can be involved in all of the activities. We would like to involve as many people as possible.

Now that I am back from vacation I am getting back into the swing of things. We had a wonderful time in Northern California. We spent a few days in San Francisco and the rest of the time as far north as Redding and as far south as Big Sur. The scenery was inspiring, from groves of 300 foot redwood trees to 20 foot waves crashing into the shoreline. We visited many holy places; cathedrals in San Francisco and Monterey as well as the primeval Cathedral Grove of redwoods in Muir Woods, holy ground in every sense of the term. We enjoyed the laid back spirit of the area, the mild weather and the abundance of great restaurants. We now have a new favorite Chinese restaurant, the House of Nanking on Kearney St. It wouldn't take much to bring us back again. Like all great vacations, this one was too short. Having said that, there is nothing like being back home with our family and our beloved community of Our Lady of Mercy.

Deacon Dick

OLM Liturgy Assignments

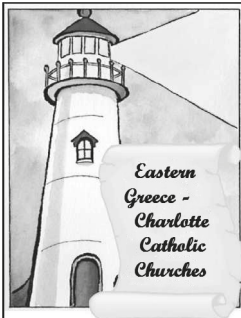
December 6	5:30PM	9:00AM
Lector	Bill Marchetti	Joe Mercier
Ministers of Communion	Katy Marchetti	Shauna Andrychuk
	Ann LaDonna	Katie Blind
		Carol Ferro
		Anne Heyer
		Marina Infantino
		Gretchen Kozlowski
Song Leaders	Jennifer Hoskins	Donna Flann
Altar Servers		Tom Kurmis
Greeters	Mike Tyrrell	Maggios
Sacristans	Marion McCrone	Mitchells
Rosary Leader (after mass)		Marilyn Napieralski
Church Linens	Ruth Vit	
Breakfast	Set up: Ellsworths	Clean up: K. Ciplys

25-Week Club Winners #20
 \$25.00 Celine Redmond
 \$15.00 Judy Polle
 \$10.00 Kathie Eckert
 Numbers drawn by Dick DiPonzio

Parish Pastoral Council contact

For November is:
Don Schmitt
733-4158 or email
don_schmitt@rge.com

For December is:
Ed Mroczek
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The six Parish Councils in the East Greece Charlotte Area unanimously affirmed the revised Pastoral Plan requested by Bishop Matthew Clark.

This plan is designed to move our faith communities into the future through cooperation, collaboration, and joint ventures. Our plan focuses on Ministry and Worship, Evangelization, Faith Formation for adults/children, and Outreach to others. A finance subcommittee with representatives from each parish, website and increased communication will be strong components as we move forward.

The members of the Steering Committee would like to thank all who attended the open parish meetings and offered suggestions to strengthen the plan. Thank you also to all members of the Parish Councils who assisted in this important process. The plan will be sent to the Bishop accompanied by a letter from Judge John Owens, Chairperson of the Steering Committee. Copies of the Final Plan are available in your Parish Office and through your Parish Council.

Pastoral Planning Update

November, 2009

www.eastgreececharlottecatholics.org

[org](http://www.eastgreececharlottecatholics.org)

Save the Date: Advent Penance Service will be Sunday, December 20, 2:30 PM at Holy Cross Church for all six EG/C Parishes.



Blessing on Thanksgiving

There will be a blessing of the bread at the 9AM mass on Thanksgiving day.

OLM Holiday Bazaar

Tomorrow will be your last day to shop!! Stop by 9AM-1PM.

Come join us for coffee and pastries.

Holy Cross Choir Presents FREE Concert Sunday, December 13, 2009

3:00 PM at Holy Cross Church

4492 Lake Avenue in Charlotte

The Adult Choir of Holy Cross Parish invites all to enjoy an afternoon of Advent and Christmas carols, with selections from Handel's *Messiah* and works by Fauré, Rutter, and Paul Manz. The Lessons and Carols format intersperses scriptural readings with choral anthems, solos, and carols sung by all, involving everyone in an uplifting preparation for the Christmas season. The Holy Cross Choir is directed by Katherine Evans and will be joined by Eastman musicians. Free-will offerings accepted.

Taizé Advent Prayer Service

All are invited come and pray awhile in the silence and song of the Taizé community on **Sunday, December 13th at 7:00pm at Christ the King Church, 445 Kings Highway S., in Irondequoit.** Taizé prayer is a wonderful way to prepare ourselves during Advent for the coming of our Lord in song, prayer and silence. All are welcome.



Sunday Rosary

Because of the changes in our Sunday mass schedule, the rosary is now being said AFTER the 9AM mass. Please join the group in the chapel whenever you can.

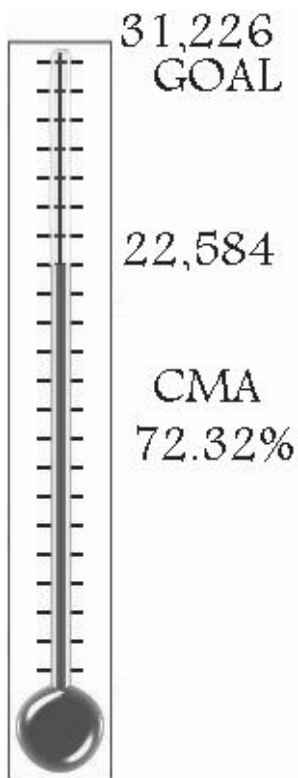
Petitions to Our Lady could be for peace in our world, for our parish or for any request that is dear to your heart.

It is such a nice way to start the beginning of a new week.

A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, so often times, as any
other day
When we sit down to our meal
and pray
We hurry along and make fast
the blessing
Thanks, amen. Now please pass
the dressing
We're slaves to the olfactory
overload
We must rush our prayer before the
food gets cold
But Lord, I'd like to take a few minute
more
To really give thanks to what I'm
thankful for
For my family, my health, a nice soft
bed
My friends, my freedom, a roof over
my head
I'm thankful right now to be sur-
rounded by those
Whose lives touch me more than
they'll ever possibly know
Thankful Lord, that You've blessed me
beyond measure
Thankful that in my heart lives life's
greatest treasure
That You, dear Jesus, reside in
that place
And I'm ever so grateful for Your un-
ending grace
So please, heavenly Father, bless this
food You've provided
And bless each and every
person invited

Amen!



**Our Lady of Mercy Parish
Catholic Ministries Appeal Report
147 Donors = \$22,584 = 72.32%
Average gift: \$153.63 GOAL: \$31,226**

- The Seventh List of Donors**
- Elizabeth Bucklin Nancy Schlageter**
- Marie Garofono**
- James & Renee Gately**
- John & Barb Georger**
- Rose Guarino**
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- Walter & Marie Luke**
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